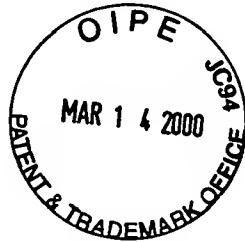


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FIRST RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 9, 1999 (Paper No. 5), applicant submits the following response including amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "First Class Mail," in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box Amendment, Washington, D.C. 20231 on 03-08-00

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